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Letter dated 5 July 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour, in Ethiopia's capacity as the current Chair of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), to transmit the communiqué of the thirty-ninth extraordinary session of the IGAD Council of Ministers, held in Malabo on 28 June 2011. The extraordinary session was held to consider the security and political situation in Somalia and the Sudan and Eritrea's activities in the region. In this regard, it would be greatly appreciated if the communiqué could be circulated as a document of the Security Council (see annex).

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Annex to the letter dated 5 July 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Communiqué of the thirty-ninth extraordinary session of the IGAD Council of Ministers on the security and political situation in Somalia and the Sudan and Eritrea's activities in the region

The thirty-ninth extraordinary meeting of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Council of Ministers was convened on the sidelines of the African Union summit in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, on 28 June 2011, to discuss the developments in Somalia and the Sudan and the activities of Eritrea in the region and to chart the way forward, ahead of an extraordinary IGAD summit scheduled for 4 July 2011. The Council was chaired by H.E. Halle Mariam Desalegn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the current Chair of the IGAD Council of Ministers. In attendance were H.E. Mohamed A. Omaar, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia; H.E. Mahamoud Ali Youssouf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Djibouti; H.E. Salah Wanassy, State Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Sudan; H.E. Richard Onyonka, Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kenya; H.E. Amb. James Mugume, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uganda; and H.E. Mahboub M. Maalim, Executive Secretary of IGAD.

The meeting was also attended and briefed by H.E. Deng Alor, Minister for Regional Cooperation of the Government of Southern Sudan; H.E. Boubacar Gaoussou Diarra, Special Representative of the African Union Commission for Somalia; Hon. Kipruto arap Kirwa, IGAD Facilitator for Somalia Peace and National Reconciliation; H.E. Lissane Yohannes, IGAD Special Envoy to the Assessment and Evaluation Commission and H.E. Amb. Augustine Mahiga, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Somalia.

After deliberating at length o the prevailing political and security situation in Somalia and the Sudan and Eritrea's activities in the region, the Council:

On Somalia:

1. *Welcomes* the signing of the Kampala Accord and urges all parties to work towards its full implementation as part of the wider programme of reconciliation and outreach; and directs the parties to the Accord to include, as an integral component, a strategy for effective implementation of the various agreements entered into by the Transitional Federal Government and other entities that are supportive and desirous of genuine peace and national reconciliation;

2. *Congratulates* the President and the Speaker of the Transitional Federal Government for their efforts in breaking the political impasse, as well as the Government of the Republic of Uganda and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Somalia for their tireless efforts in the realization of the Accord;

3. *Welcomes* the nomination and confirmation by Parliament of a new Prime Minister for the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia, and requests the expeditious establishment of the Cabinet as stipulated in the Kampala Accord;

4. *Expresses appreciation* to the troop-contributing countries to the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM), namely, Uganda and Burundi, for the sacrifices they continue to make to advance the cause of peace and stability in Somalia, calls upon them to continue supporting the Transitional Federal Government forces so as to bring the whole of Mogadishu under the control of Government forces, and urges those African countries that have pledged troops to make them available immediately;

5. *Urges* the Governments of IGAD member States, individually and collectively, to identify specific areas of support to the Transitional Federal Government and intensify their efforts in providing logistical support and advice to the Transitional Federal Government and Ahlu Sunna Wal Jama'a forces in order to enable them to gain control of more areas;

6. *Recalls* the decisions of IGAD Heads of State and Government contained in their communiqué issued on 30 January 2011 in Addis Ababa, and calls on all parties to mobilize more resources to improve the operational capacity of AMISOM and the Transitional Federal Government to enhance the ongoing coordination plan between IGAD military experts with the Transitional Federal Government and AMISOM forces;

7. *Calls upon* the transitional federal institutions, as a matter of priority, to intensify their cooperation, beginning with a speedy formation of the Government followed by a collaborative implementation of the Kampala Accord, within a stipulated time frame;

8. *Calls upon* the African Union, the United Nations and members of the international community working on Somalia to relocate to Mogadishu and support the transitional federal institutions concretely to consolidate the new liberated areas and districts;

9. *Reiterates* its previous calls to the international community to scale up its efforts in humanitarian assistance to the needy women and innocent children;

On the Sudan:

10. *Congratulates* the parties to the Sudan Peace Process, who have manifested a high level of courage and commitment to engage in the negotiations, and urges them to maintain this level of commitment not only for finalizing the outstanding issues but also for the spirit of cooperation after 9 July 2011;

11. *Welcomes* the Abyei interim administration and the temporary security arrangements, and also welcomes Security Council resolution 1990 (2011), which supports the deployment of security forces to demilitarize the border areas;

12. *Also welcomes* the recent signing of the agreement on political and security principles that would pave the way for a final settlement in the South Kordofan and Blue Nile States, congratulates the parties on reaching an agreement on the general principles for the cessation of hostilities, and urges them to uphold the agreement;

13. *Welcomes and acknowledges* the intensive engagement of the parties as affirmed above and the firm engagement and determination of the African Union High-level Implementation Panel under the leadership of President Thabo Mbeki and members of the Panel; President Pierre Buoyoya and President Abubaker Abdulsalam, and commends the efforts of Prime Minister Meles Zenawi for his continued and unstinting support for the negotiations, as IGAD Chairman, in facilitating the negotiations;

14. *Commends* the African Union High-level Implementation Panel and IGAD at the highest level and their representations on the ground, who have set the example for the cooperation and integration of continental and subregional organizations and the African Economic Community for not only rendering support to the Joint Secretarial Committee of the two parties, as per the conclusions of the Mekelle Memorandum of Understanding, but also and significantly for the funding it made available for the negotiations that have taken place since February 2011;

15. *Calls upon* the African Union High-level Implementation Panel to further continue its engagement with the parties and, to this end, IGAD has, with the recommendation of the African Economic Community and the support of the Government of the Sudan, the Government of Southern Sudan and the donors that have been supporting the African Economic Community accepted a new arrangement that would allow channelling of funds and necessary support after 9 July 2011;

16. *Recalls* the previous decision of the Summit, that called on the international community to take all necessary measures to ensure the creation of two viable States, including cancellation of debts;

17. *Expresses* gratitude and appreciation to the Federal Democratic Government of Ethiopia, which supported the negotiations, and the IGAD Secretariat, which supported the organization of the negotiations in collaboration with the African Union High-level Implementation Panel;

On the State of Eritrea:

18. *Strongly condemns* the activities of the State of Eritrea, which has taken an active part in destabilizing the region by supporting extremist and other subversive elements;

19. *Calls* on the Security Council to take all appropriate measures to ensure that the regime in Asmara desists from its destabilization activities in the Horn of Africa;

20. *Calls* on the African Union and the Security Council to fully implement the existing sanctions and impose additional sanctions selectively on the Eritrean regime, especially on those economic and mining sectors that the regime draws on, including the Eritrean diaspora, as well as to ensure compliance with previous decisions of the United Nations;

21. *Decides* to remain seized of the matters.

Done in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, on 28 June 2011